THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The French Industrialists welcomed the recent changes effected in the Industrial and Trade Policies and were confident that it would evoke greater response from French Companies.

Export targets

1040. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the export targets expected during the last two years;

(b) whether the actual targets have been achieved;

(c) if not, what had been the short fall in experts in terms of rupee; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to achieve the export target?

@1041. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (c) The details of export targets, achievements and shortfalls during the last two years i.e. *1989-90* and *1990-91* are given as under:—

(Value : Rs. Crores)

Year	Targets	Achievements	Shortfall
1989-90	28,025	27,681	344
1990-91	36,000	32,527	3,473

(d) The main reasons for shortfall in achievements of the export targets during 1990-91 include slow down in world economy, recession in developed countries, outbreak of gulf war, slow down in global diamond trade etc. The Government introduced a package of trade policy reforms aimed at strengthening of export incentives, eliminating substantial volume of import licensing and optimal import compression. REP licences have been replaced by a new instrument named Eximscrips. These will be the means of obtaining access to certain categories of imports of raw materials, components and spares. The system of advance licensing as an instrument of export promotion has also been strengthened. Government has decided to allow established exporters to open foreign currency acounts in approved banks and allow exporters to raise external credits, pay for export related imports from such accounts, and credit export proceeds to such accounts. Besides, Government have taken other steps which include reducing controls through licensing, simplification of procedures for export, activisation of Board of Trade, bilateral discussion with selected countries, interaction with national organisations of trade and industry etc.

Loan to small sector under single window Scheme

@1041. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have notified that composite loan to small sector under single window scheme would be channelised through Commercial Banks also which were earlier being given only by the State Financial Corporations (SFCs) as incorporated with New Industrial Policy for small sector to facilitate

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access to a large number of enterprises in the country.

(b) whether Government would continue to extend 100 percent refinance after enhancement of the ceiling of Rs. 20 lakh under single window scheme to commercial banks to enlarge the flow of assistance as per the new liberal policy for small sector to eradicate unemployment and generation of more employment; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in issue of notification incorporating the enhancement through Banks and what are the financial loss for not extending 100 percent refinance to commercial banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Cut in Defence Expenditure

@@1042. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 29th October, 1991 regarding pressure from the International Monetary Fund for bringing down the defence spending; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) There is no pressure whatsoever on India from the International Monetary Fund for bringing down its defence spending.

(b) Does not arise.

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Guidelines followed by Financial Institutions Regarding Loans to small entrepreneurs

1043. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines for financial institutions in considering applications from small entrepreneurs for the grant of loans to enable them to set up their industries;

(b) whether different guidelines are adopted in respect of different categories of entrepreneurs; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for giving such differential treatment to the entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bond Schemes at Central and State Levels

1044. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different kind of bond schemes introduced by Government both at the Central level as well as the State level;

(b) the purpose behind the introduction of those bond schemes;

(c) whether any review has been made on the success of those schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) Normally Central and State Governments borrow through market loans floated from time to time. Special bonds are issued from time to time for a specific purpose. Some of these bonds are sold for a limited period e.g., Special Bearer Bonds issued to tap unaccounted money, NRI Bonds to tap foreign exchange resources. Compensation